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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Charles A. MILLER

Art Unit: 2827

Application No: 09/970,749

Examiner:
T. Dinh

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For: MULTIPLE DIE INTERCONNECT SYSTEM

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the requirement for restriction (Office Action paragraph 1), the applicant elects invention III (claims 21-38) with traverse.

In response to the requirement for election of species (Office Action paragraph 7), the applicant elects Embodiment I (FIGs. 4-10, and 14-17).

In response to the requirement of paragraph 8, claims 1-12, 14-29, and 31 read on the species of Embodiment 1 (FIG. 12).

Regarding paragraph 9 of the Office Action, claims 32-38 include all limitations of claim 21. Should the examiner find claim 21 to be allowable, the examiner is respectfully requested to examine claims 32-38.

The applicant respectfully traverses the requirement for restriction with respect to claim 1 insofar as the process recited in claim 1 can be used to make no other materially different product than that recited in elected claim 21 and because the product recited in claim 21 cannot be made by any process materially differing from that recited in claim 1. The examiner's comment of paragraph 2 regarding use of conductor springs or resilient clips instead of spring

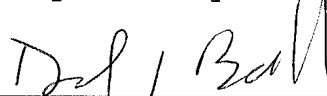
contacts is not applicable to claim 1 since claim 1 does not recite spring or any other particular kinds of contacts. The examiner is therefor respectfully requested to examine claim 1 along with elected claims 21-38.

Should the examiner find claim 1 to be allowable, the examiner is respectfully requested to examine its dependent claims 2-4.

The applicant respectfully traverses the requirement for restriction with respect to claim 5 insofar as the process recited in claim 5 can be used to make no other materially different product than that recited in elected claim 21 and because the product recited in claim 21 cannot be made by any process materially differing from that recited in claim 5. The examiner's comment of paragraph 2 regarding use of conductor springs or resilient clips instead of spring contacts is not applicable to claim 5 since claim 5 does not recite use of spring contacts or any other particular kinds of contacts. The examiner is therefor respectfully requested to examine claim 5 along with elected claims 21-38.

Should the examiner find claim 5 allowable, the examiner is respectfully requested to examine its dependent claims 6-20.

Respectfully submitted,



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